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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are in the case. Original claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 and claim 5 has been objected due to a typographical error. Independent claim 1 has been amended, and claim 5 has been amended. The specification has also been amended. Reconsideration of the amended application is requested.

The amendment to the specification simply provides a textual description of the location of the insert mounting tabs 36. Since this arrangement of the component parts is clearly illustrated in the drawings, no new matter has been introduced into the specification.

Claim 1 now recites further details of the insert structure and the location of the components. The prior art neither discloses nor suggests this arrangement. Neither Seymour nor McNab have an adaptor with the mounting flanges located at the outer extremity of the insert. Moreover, neither Seymour nor McNab employ an insert with the support tabs displaced below or recessed relative to the mounting flanges. Contrary to the Examiner's statement, McNab does not displace the support tabs as claimed. In McNab, the support tabs 24 extend all the way to the outer edge of the adaptor 12 (see Figure 1). As a result, the support tabs are not recessed, but

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rather extend beyond the plane of flange 14. Therefore, McNab teaches away from the claimed invention.

An early allowance is requested.

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